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Introduction to the CMMI® Acquisition Module (CMMI-AM)

Module 1: Background



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Introductions

Instructor introductions

Participant introductions

- name
- position
- expectations
 - What do you want to get out of this course?



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Course Objectives

To acquaint the PM and PMO staff involved with the acquisition of software intensive systems with the need for process and process management

- at the supplier
- At the acquirer

Provide an overview of the CMMI Acquisition Module

Provide an overview of process improvement methods



Course Contents

- Module 1 – Background**
Course information and Background
- Module 2 – CMMI-AM and Project Management**
Project Management process areas, goals, and practices
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Engineering process areas, goals, and practices
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Support process areas, goals, and practices
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- Module 6 – Using CMMI-AM**
- Module 7 – Summary and Conclusion**



Course Schedule

Time	Topic
0800	Breakfast
0830	1 Background
0915	2 CMMI-AM and Project Management
1000	Break
1015	2 CMMI-AM and Project Management (cont'd)
1200	Lunch
1300	3 CMMI-AM and Engineering
1430	Break
1445	4 CMMI-AM and Support
1545	5 CMMI-AM Generic Practices
1615	6 Process Improvement
1645	7 Summary and Conclusion
1700	Adjourn



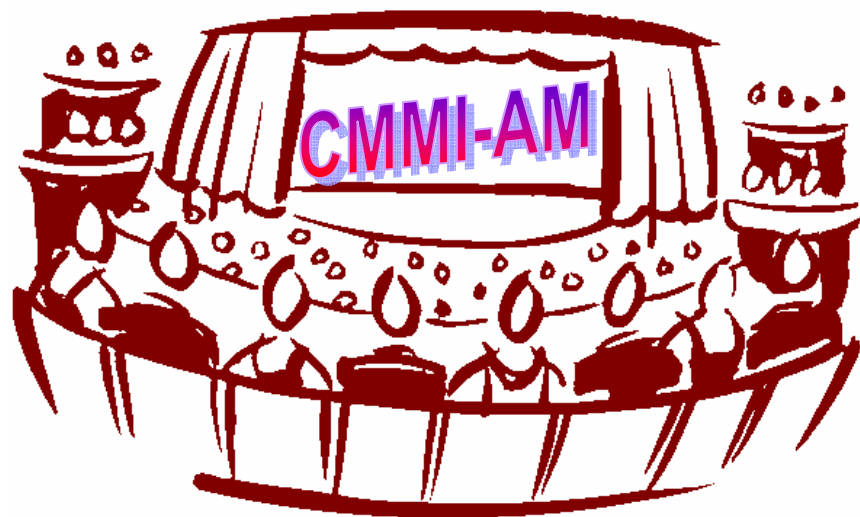
Audience

Program Managers (PMs)

Program Management Office (PMO) staff

- Engineering
- Contracts
- Logistics
- Finance
- Test

No prior knowledge of
CMMI is required





Course Details

Course Approach

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Exercises

Course Materials

- Course Notebook
- CMMI-AM v1.1

Rules of Engagement

- Participate
- One person talks at a time
- Keep discussions to the point
- No attribution



Logistics

Rest rooms

Smoking rules

Breaks

Lunch

Phones

Messages

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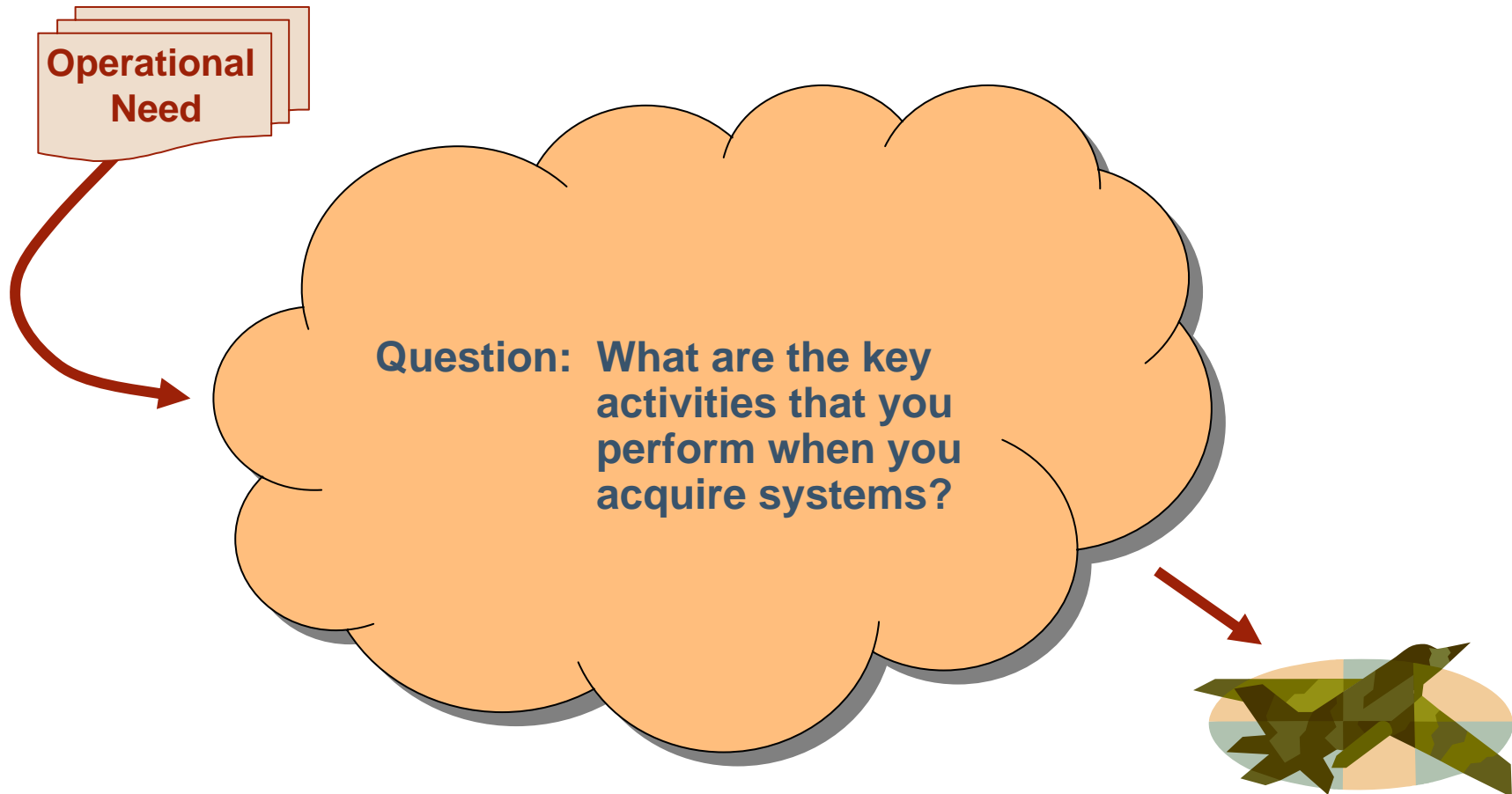
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What is “Acquisition”





The State of Acquisition Practice ¹

The agencies assume the partnership arrangement absolves them of all acquisition management responsibilities...” [GAO 99]

Virtually all (Air Force) software-intensive systems suffer from difficulties achieving cost, schedule, and performance objectives. [GAO 92]

“I'd rather have it wrong than have it late.” A senior manager (industry)

“The bottom line is schedule. My promotions and raises are based on meeting schedule first and foremost.” A program manager (government)

Lack of robust systems engineering practices identified as critical factor in SBIRS-High problems. Lt. Gen. Brian A. Arnold, USAF, CDR, USAF/SMC (5/6/02 Aviation Week)



The State of Acquisition Practice ²

Is There an Acquisition Crisis?

Investigation of one acquisition program showed:

- System complexity and the program's lack of experience in procuring major systems caused serious cost growth.
- Program lacks systems engineering and program management expertise.
- Absence of requirements stabilization process.
- Program management does not enforce timely milestones, timelines, and deliverables.
- Program's lack of process control made assessment of technical risk impossible.
- Program's lack of short- and long-term budget tracking makes cost assessment nearly impossible.
- Program does not manage risk.



The State of Acquisition Practice ³

What's the Problem?

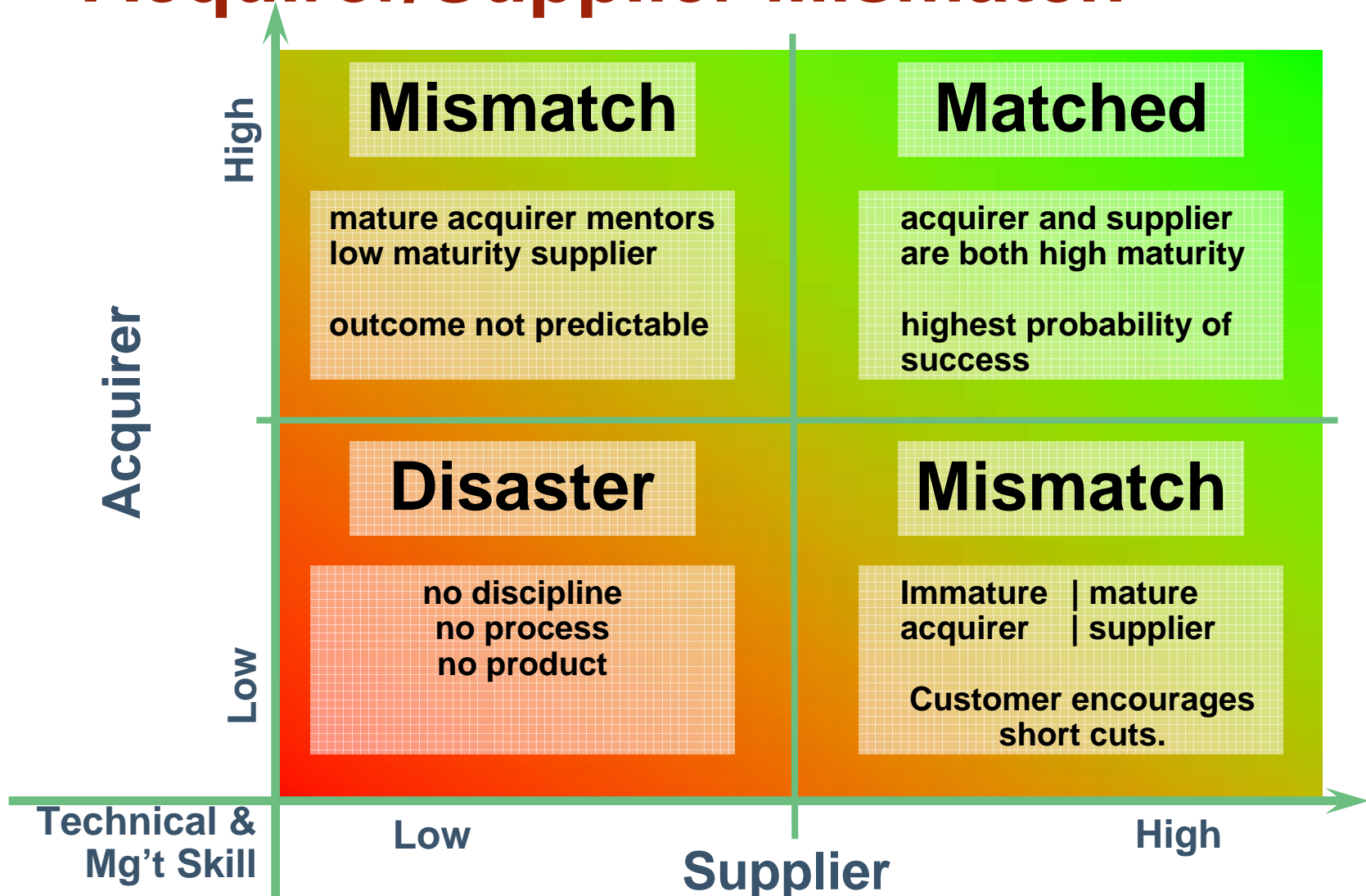
There are many. Among them,

- Evidence shows that an **acquirers management processes** and practices and resultant decisions can have a **negative impact** on the development processes of the supplier
- A **mismatch** in Acquirer/Supplier in terms of associated process capability and maturity can have **unpredictable** and even **disastrous results**.

And the challenges are increasing ...



Acquirer/Supplier Mismatch

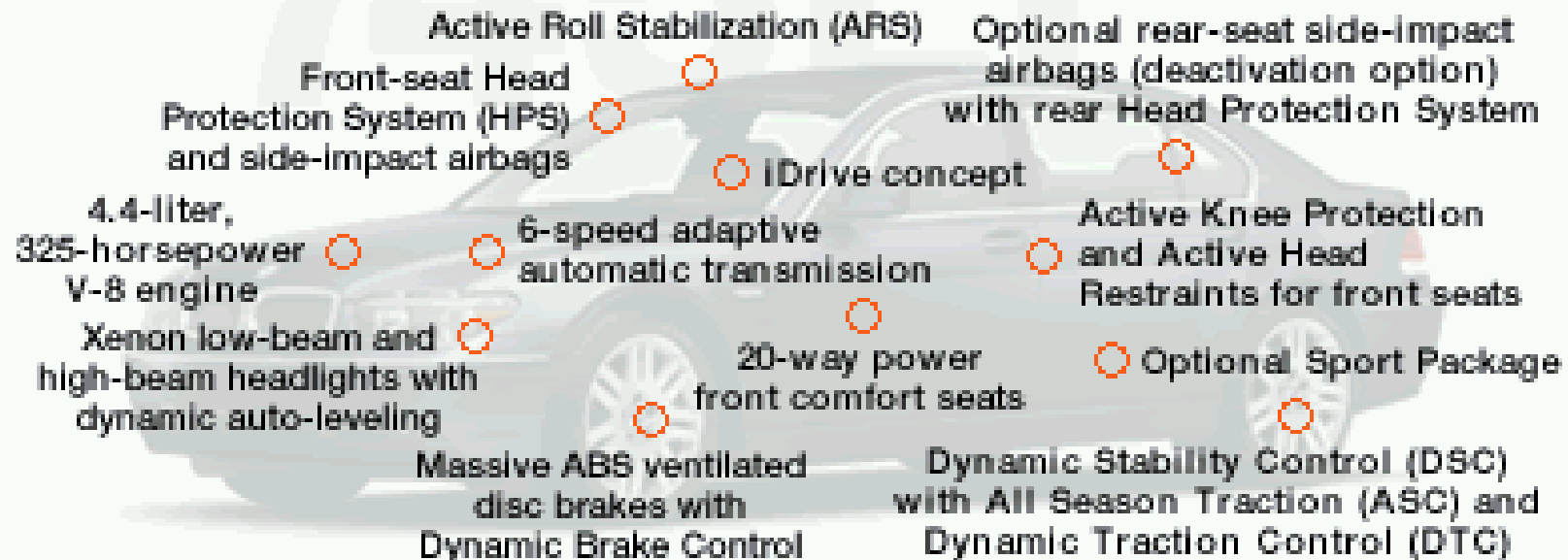




Complexity in Modern Systems

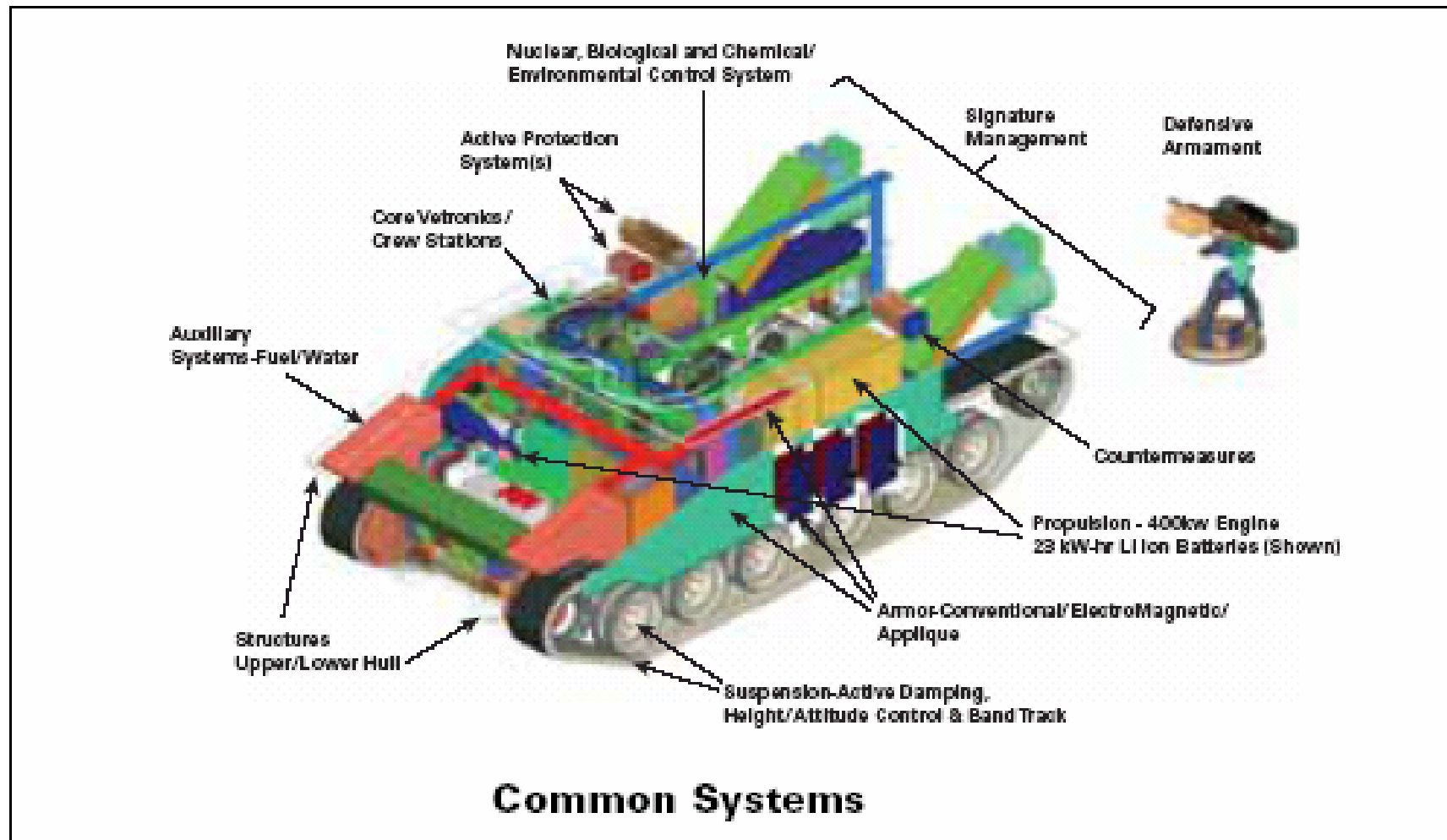
Many commercial products are the result of a complex mix of subcomponents engineered into a system

Most DoD weapon and information systems are *at least* this complex





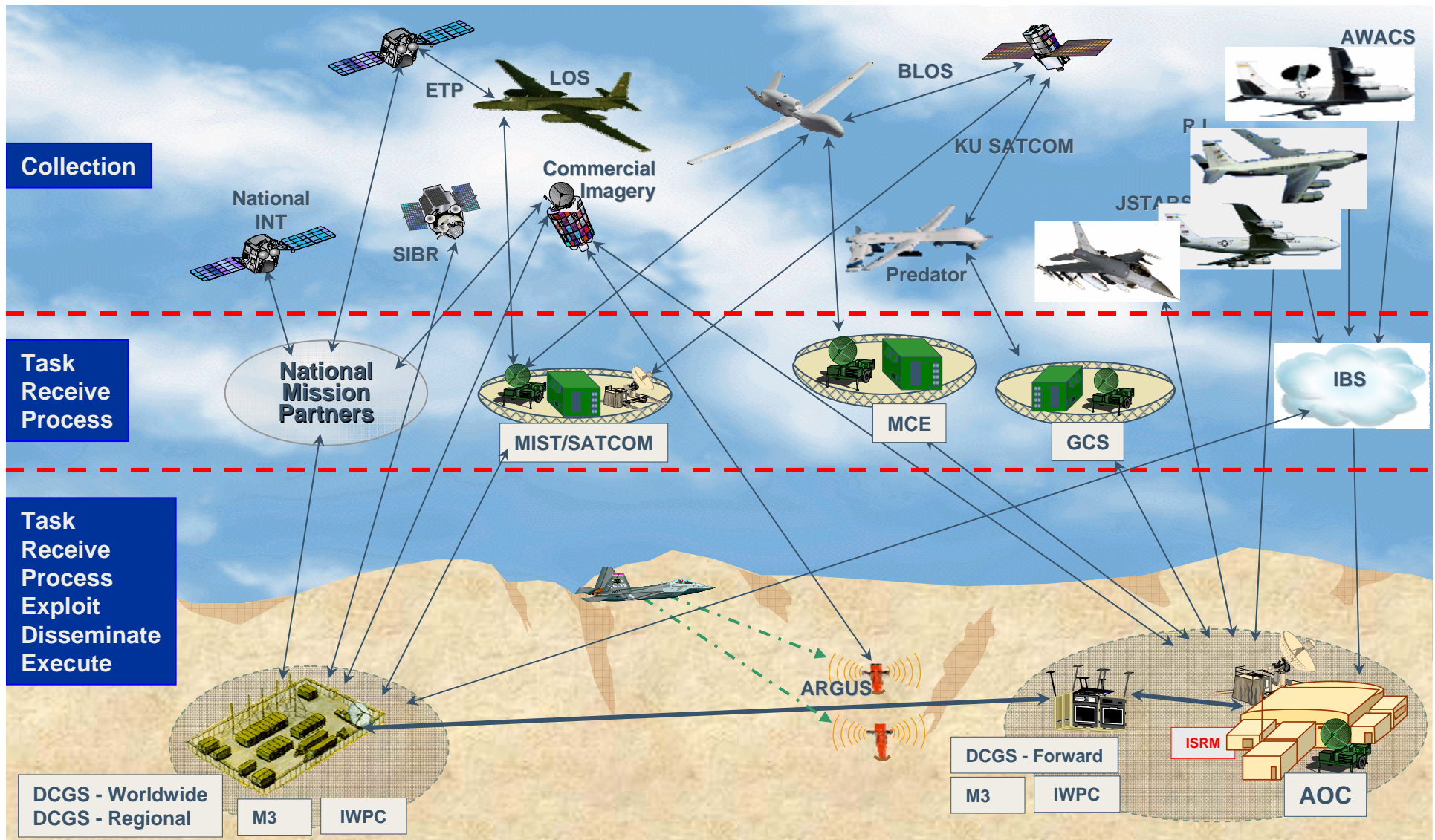
Weapon System Complexity



FCS Manned Ground Vehicle concept

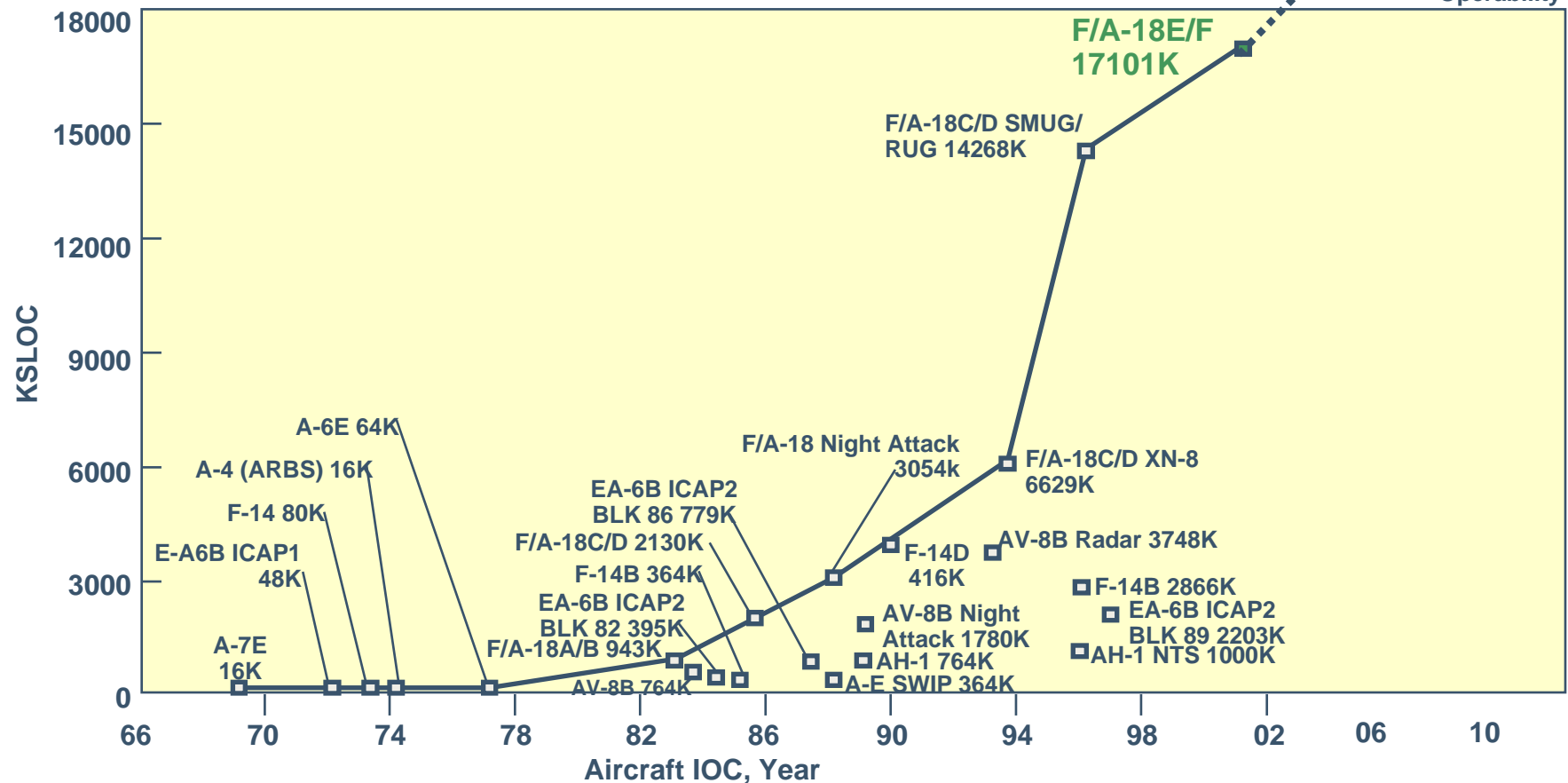


System of Systems Complexity



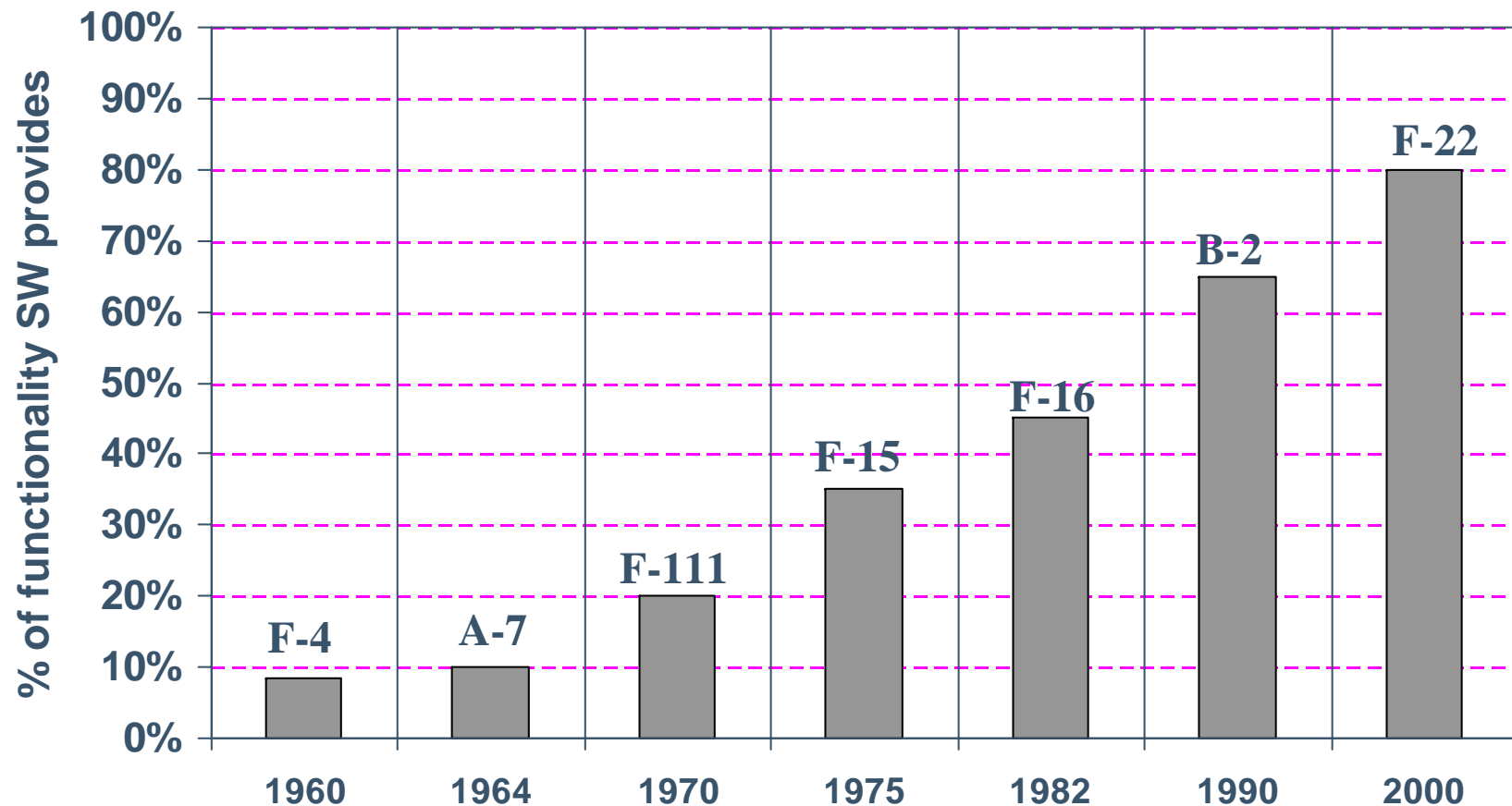


Increasing System Complexity





Functionality Provided by Software in DoD Systems is Increasing





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What Can Be Done?

Based on the premise that

***The quality of the product is governed largely
by the process used to create the product***

We could improve the Supplier's process and practices

- But the developers have a head start (CMMI-based improvement programs are widespread)

We could improve the Acquirer's processes and practices by:

- increasing the visibility of the acquirers contribution to program success
- defining, implementing, measuring and evolving effective acquisition processes and practices



Why Focus on Process?

Process provides a constructive, high-leverage focus...

- **as opposed to a focus on people**
 - Your work force, on the average, is as “good” as it is ***trained*** to be.
 - Working harder is not the answer.
 - Working smarter, through process, is the answer.
- **as opposed to a focus on *technology***
 - Technology applied without a suitable roadmap will not result in significant payoff.
 - Technology provides the most benefit in the context of an appropriate process roadmap



How Do You Want to Work?



- Random motion – lots of energy, not much progress
- No teamwork - each person goes his own way
- Frequent conflict
- You never know where you'll end up



- Directed motion – every step brings you closer to the goal
- Coordinated efforts
- Cooperation
- Predictable results

Process can make the difference



What's the Alternative?

Progress, if any, is the result of individual heroics

- No hero = no progress
- New hero = start over

Diverse and parochial methods for every effort

- Lack of predictability - how = $f(\text{who, when})$
- Lack of cooperation - Heroes often don't work well together
 - "Be reasonable. Do it my way!"
 - No sharing of "lessons learned"
- Continual retraining - Which method will you train



Why is Process Important?

Because process failure can be catastrophic

Process failure can result from:

- Improper implementation
- Lack of discipline
- Noncompliance
- Poor execution



Petrobras oil platform

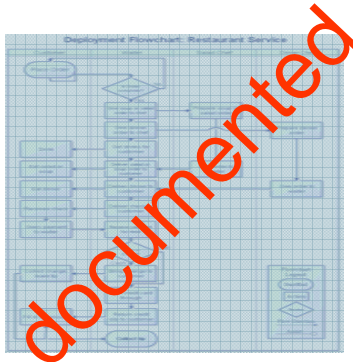
- Significant construction cost savings from bypassing rigid QA processes
- Sunk before commissioning



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PowerPoint Presentation



Characteristics of Effective Processes



simple



enforced



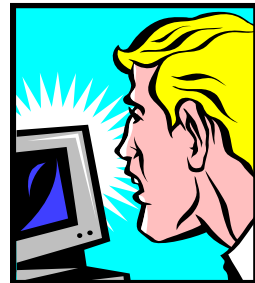
trained



flexible



practiced



supported

STABLE

Well-defined gates





CMMI in a Nutshell

CMMI provides guidance for improving an organization's processes and ability to manage the development, acquisition, and maintenance of *products* or *product components*.

CMMI places proven approaches into a structure that

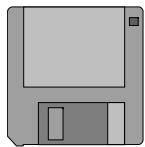
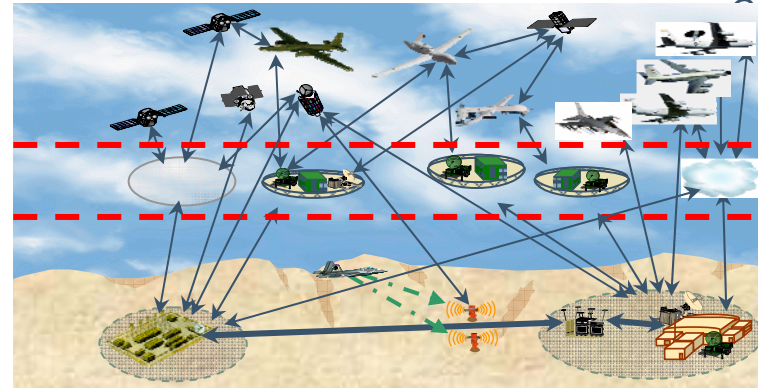
- helps your organization examine the effectiveness of your processes
- establishes priorities for improvement
- helps you implement these improvements

Improving processes for better products



Focus of CMMI

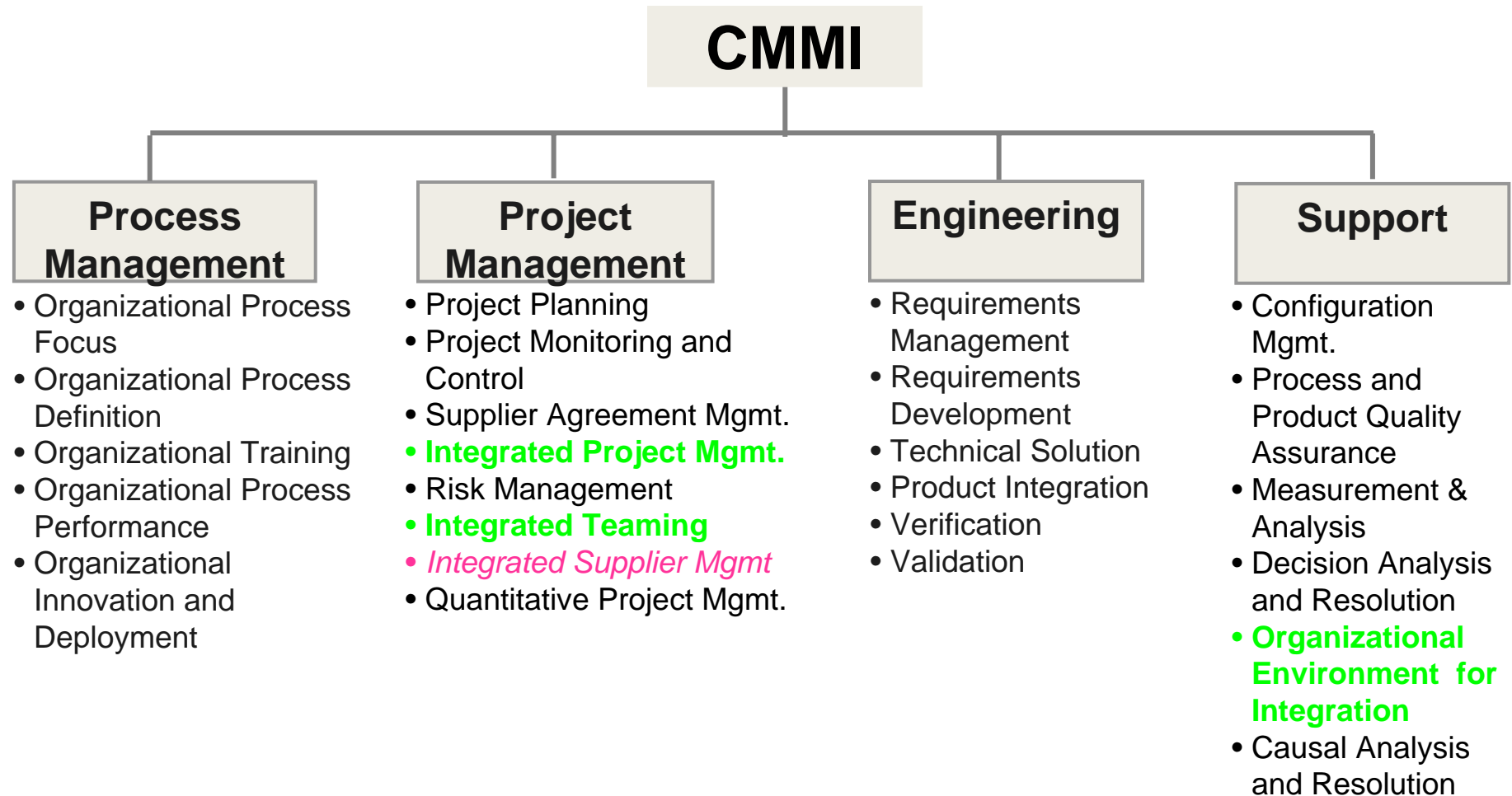
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SW-CMM is applied here

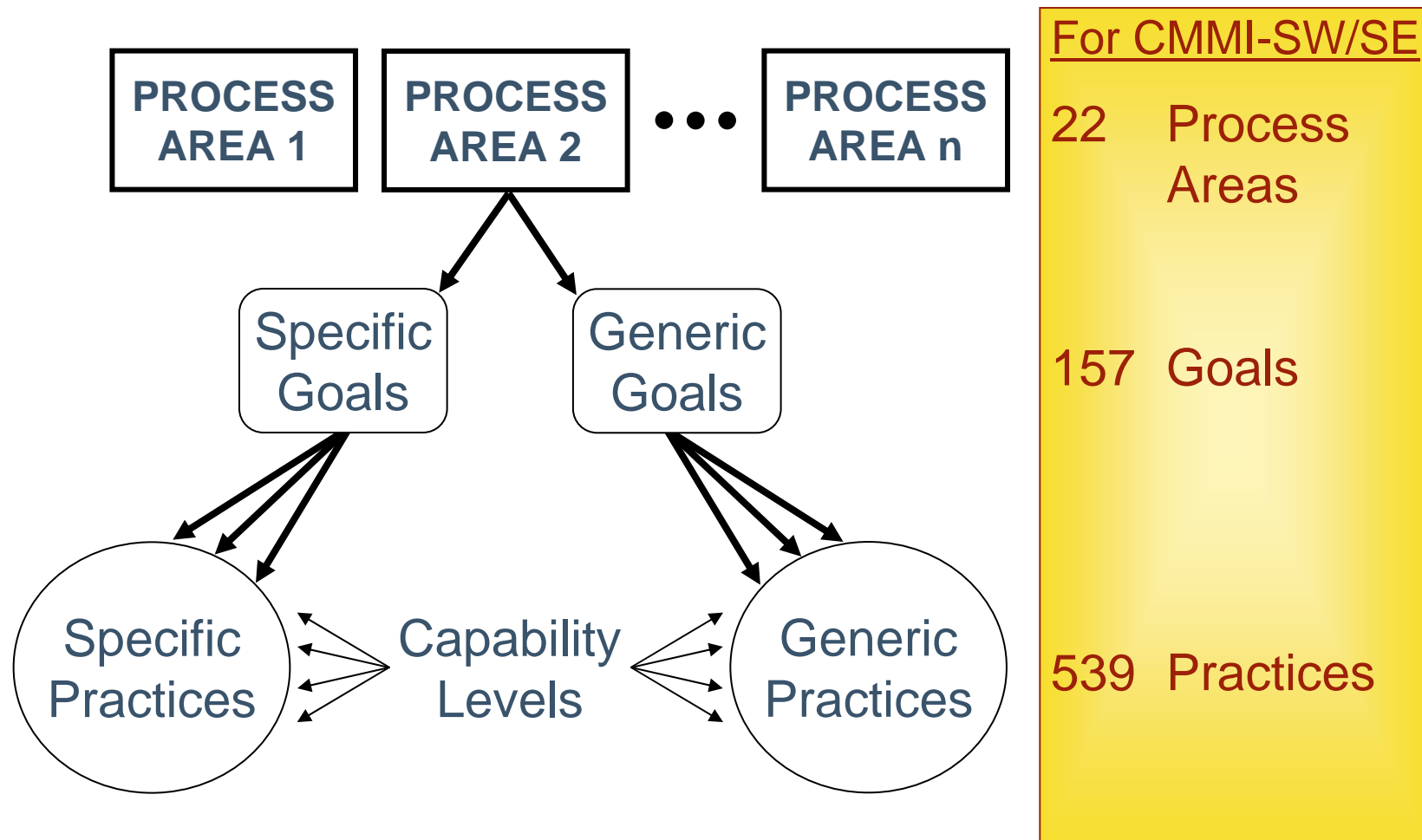


CMMI - Continuous SE/SW/PPD/SS



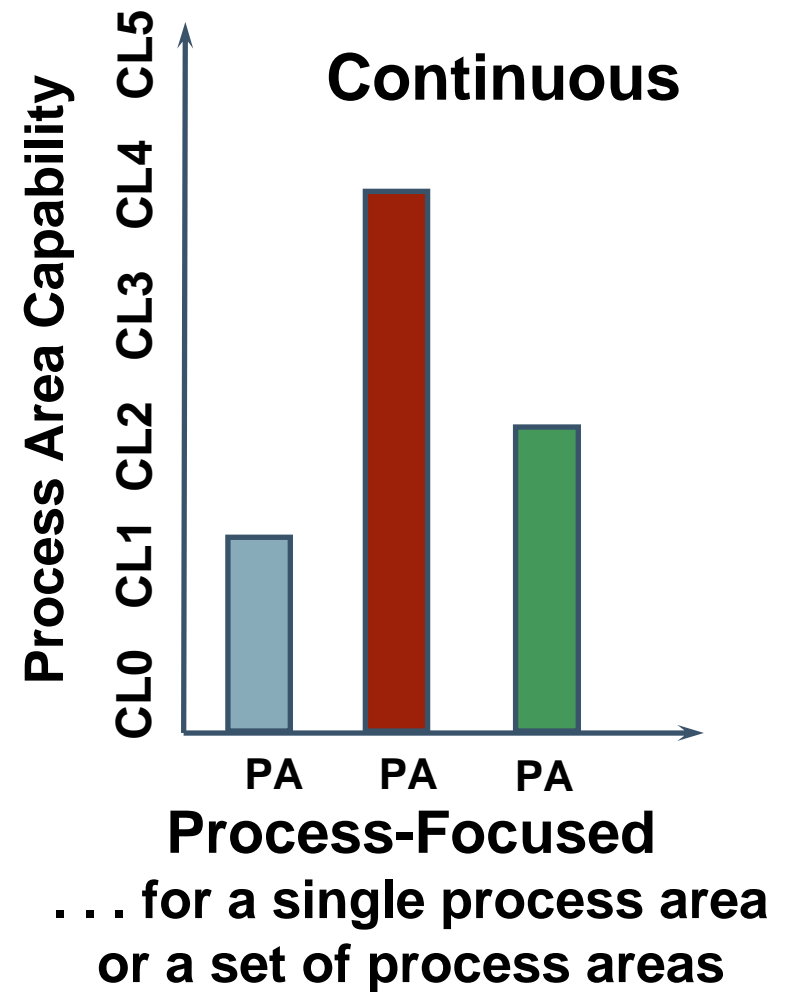
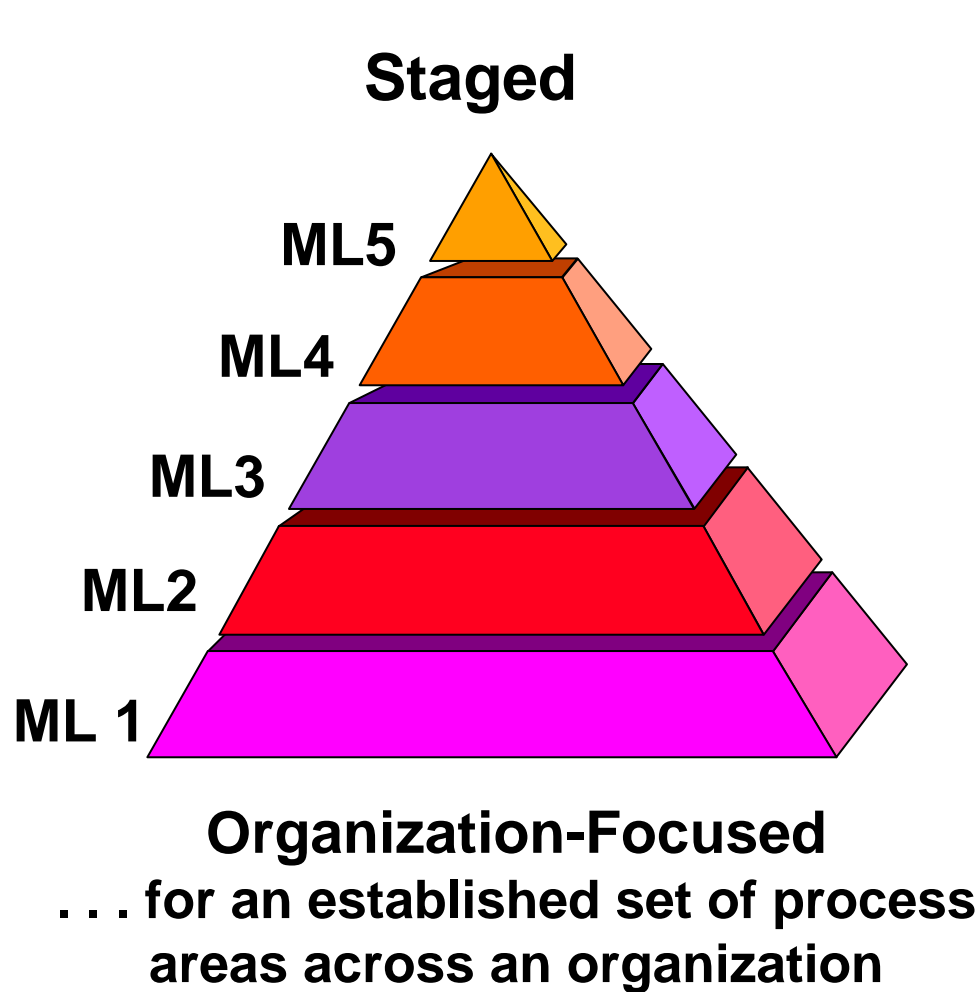


Structure of CMMI ₁





Perspectives on Maturity





CONTRACTOR AND PROCESS What Levels Tell Us

Levels are good indicators of *potential organizational performance*

They describe how the next project *could perform* based on a sampling of existing projects

Capability Levels and Maturity Levels reside at the organizational level (corporation, major division) and are not an indication of how any individual project *is performing*

Note: Sometimes a project is large enough to be considered an organizational unit (e.g. JSF, C-17)



Summary

Acquisition is a challenging multi-disciplinary effort occurring in a difficult environment, and demands for greater capabilities and increasing complexity are adding to this challenge.

Capable performance by **BOTH** the acquirer and the supplier are essential to program success

A focus on **PROCESS** at the acquirer and at the supplier can help.

CMMI is a **proven** and **widely accepted** process improvement model